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MCN purchases naming rights to Tulsa event center

MCN TR 12-152 approved \$1.44 million annual contract with Tulsa County Fair Board

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) purchased naming rights to the QuikTrip Center at Expo Square for an annual \$1.44 million (\$120,000 a month) for seven years. MCN Principal Chief George Tiger signed tribal resolution for the agreement with Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority Oct. 17.

According to a press release from the MCN Public Relations Department, Tiger is pleased with the nation's negotiation of the contract.

"Before this agreement, the tribe was paying about \$3.6 million a year under our gaming compact," Tiger said. "Now we will only be paying \$1.44 million a year and we get naming rights to the Expo Center."

The tribe's deal with the Tulsa County Fair Board will begin in January 2013 and run through



MNN/Darren DeLaune

Pictured above is Tulsa Expo's QuikTrip Center. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation purchased the naming rights to the facility with a contract that will begin in January 2013.

2019. It proposes a name change from 'QuikTrip Center' to the 'Muscogee (Creek) Nation Center' for the over 448,000-square-foot facility located on the state fairgrounds in Tulsa.

The new deal will equal an estimated \$15 million in savings for the MCN over the next seven years. "These cost savings... will be

additional monies available to the Nation for health, education, social service and economic development for our tribal citizens," stated Tiger. "In addition, the Nation's seal and signage with be prominently featured on the 448,000 square foot Expo Center at the Fairgrounds. This will greatly increase the visibility of the Nation and help in our

marketing efforts," said Tiger.

The contract will provide the first rights for the proposal of land development where the old Drillers Stadium is currently situated to the MCN as well as terminate live horse racing at the fairgrounds' racetrack.

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News anchor inspires at 10th annual Pink Party

OIHC's annual breast cancer awareness event celebrates 10 years

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — Participants crowded the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology campus in Covelle Hall for the Okmulgee Indian Health Center's 2012 Pink Party for breast cancer awareness Oct. 31. The 10th annual event aimed to bring a greater understanding of the disease, including potential risk factors and the options and information for treatment and recovery.

Breast cancer survivor and news anchor LeAnne Taylor from Channel 6 gave the



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

Breast cancer survivor and Channel 6 news anchor LeAnne Taylor gave the keynote address to attendees of Okmulgee Indian Health Center's annual Pink Party Oct. 31 at OSUIT's Covelle Hall in Okmulgee, Okla.

keynote address to attendees. In 2003, Taylor performed a self-breast exam and noticed a lump. She recounted the conversation with her doctor when she went in for a biopsy.

"I'm sorry. The news isn't good, you have breast cancer," she said.

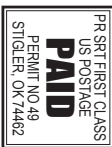
Taylor was 41 at the time and in good health.

"My world was turned upside down... I just wanted the cancer gone. I wanted whatever it would take for it to be over," she said.

Taylor's doctor recommended chemotherapy as part of her treatment plan.

"It was more a form of prevention. If one single cancer cell had traveled anywhere else in my body and was multiplying, by the time they found it later on, it might be too late," she remembered.

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National Council hears budget report during quarterly session

Gary Fife
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) National Council, heard Principal Chief George Tiger speak of the new tobacco compact with the State of Oklahoma, a balanced and streamlined budget, a new tribal scholarship program and \$130,000 raised at the recent Hall of Fame gala, during the quarterly session, Oct. 27.

In legislative action, the council approved a business plan for Internet gaming, permanently approved funding for community and church Christmas activities and authorized the tribal health department to implement a new behavioral health program.

- TR 12-135 directing the Gaming Operations and Authority Board to conduct adequate research and prepare a business plan addressing Internet gaming. Sponsored by Rep. Sam Alexander. Passed by 14 to 0.

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Mvskoke Media poll: Did you vote in the U.S. election?

Citizens and employees share why they voted in the national election Nov. 6

Sterling Cosper
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) participated in the National Congress of American Indians' Native Vote 2012 "Every Vote Counts" campaign to motivate Native Americans to vote in the 2012 national election.

A voter registration drive was held at the Mound Building located on the MCN Capitol Complex Sept. 25 and T-shirts and fliers were distributed as part of the effort. Members of Mvskoke Media visited several polling places around Okmulgee and visited with Muscogee (Creek) citizens and employees as they turned out to vote.

Muscogee (Creek) citizen Carl Lee

"It's our civil duty to help shape the policy of our country. If we don't stay educated on the issues then we really don't have a voice



MNN/Sterling Cosper
Muscogee (Creek) citizens showed up at polls throughout Okmulgee to vote on Election Day Nov. 6.

and it's important to keep our voice alive."

Muscogee (Creek) citizen Quannah Davis:

"Whoever the president is will be responsible for providing funds to the tribes. Our ancestors didn't have a voice for anything, they just had to endure whatever policies were put upon them. This is a way for you to choose and get empowered."

MCN Environmental Specialist Mike Salsman

"I'm a tribal member. I just consider things that could be taken

away from our tribe. Money could be taken away from our tribe. What some people think is a waste is some people's livelihood, so that has made the most difference in the way I vote this year. I'm excited and proud and I think it's a very eventful day for everyone that votes."

MCN Diabetes Program Coordinator Johnnie Brausell

"It's a routine for me; I always vote. I want Barack Obama to win, although I know he won't win in Oklahoma. I'm hoping he will win nationally. This is my only voice.

We only have that voice nationally and I think that we should use it.

For Indians, it has taken us a long time to say we're part of the country. We are feeling more and more part of the country and I think that they're listening to us more, especially Barack Obama. I really think that some of his healthcare initiatives are really going to benefit us."

MCN Division of Health (DOH) Communication Technician Chris Natseway

"I voted because it's our constitutional right and I think everyone should take advantage of that and get their voices heard. It's really one of the few times we can do that. It is very important that the Native community get out and vote because there are a lot of issues in Washington D.C., that concern Native Americans."

MCN DOH Secretary of Health Lt. Seneca Smith

"As a Creek citizen, it's our opportunity and we do have the right to vote. A lot of times, as Creek citizens, we didn't think we had the right to vote. It's our time to exercise our voice and what we feel is important for the direction of the country as Muscogee (Creek) citizens."

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"Because of the expansion of Indian gaming, not only here in Oklahoma, but across the country. . . it did hurt the horse racing industry. However, we feel like that particular part of it is going to be continuing in other places," Tiger said.

According to Tiger, plans for the acquisition began in late January 2012 and do not include a casino.

"The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will not be building a casino at that site," Tiger said.

Tiger said the other tribal nations near the area, including the Osage and Cherokee, were supportive of the deal.

"It is important that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has the ability to work with other communities... Initially when we did the gaming compact, there was some concern



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry
Pictured from left to right are Fair Meadows Race Director Ron Shots, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief George Tiger and President and CEO of Tulsa Expo Square Mark Andrus.

with the horse racing association here in Oklahoma, about the loss of revenues to them. The Osage, Muscogee (Creek) and the Cherokees got together and basically fostered an agreement with the Tulsa County Fair Board and others to allow for this unique relationship," he said.

During a press conference Nov. 2 in the Administration Building on the MCN Capitol Complex in Okmulgee, Okla., Tiger felt that overall, the deal is beneficial for the tribe.

"It's a win-win for everybody," Tiger said.

He went on to mention that col-

laboration between the tribe and local entities is important to the advancement of the MCN.

"We saw it as an opportunity for Muscogee (Creek) Nation to not only promote whatever is going to be going on within the Expo Center but also promoting ourselves and the fact that we are willing to work with other communities that we share," Tiger said.

President and CEO of Tulsa Expo Square Mark Andrus, said the MCN fit what the facility was looking for in a partner.

"We wanted to look for partners who represented excellence, honesty integrity and good fortune for all of Tulsa... They [MCN] represent economic development wherever it might be found in this area and that's best represented by good, solid businesses, employment and education," Andrus said.



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- TR 12-149 supporting the MCN Transit Program’s submission of an Oklahoma Department of Human Services section 5310 capital assistance vehicle application. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Randolph. Passed 14—0.
- TR 12-150 approving a memorandum of agreement for Indian Health Service Project OK 11-S28 and authorizing the principal chief to execute an exchange letter amendment. Sponsored by Randolph. Passed 14—0.
- TR 12-151 authorizing the Gaming Operations and Authority Board to execute a contract with Claude Neon Federal Signs for the installation of an LED video display for the River Spirit Casino. Sponsored by Rep. Robert Hufft. Passed 14—0.
- TR 12-153 approving use of facilities at OSU-Okmulgee campus. Sponsored by Rep. Pete Beaver. Passed 14—0.
- TR 12-155 confirming the nomination of Jerry Wilson to serve as tribal administrator for the MCN. Sponsored by Rep. Shirlene Ade. Passed, 9-5 with Reps. Beaver, Coachman, Hill, Jones and Proctor voting against. A two-thirds majority vote was not required.
- TR 12-156 confirming the nomination of Jerry McPeak as tax commissioner of the MCN. Sponsored by David Hill. Passed 14—0.
- TR 12-157 confirming the nomination of Brad Fox as Secretary of the MCN Division of Housing. Sponsored by Rep.

Johnnie Greene. Passed 14—0.

- NCA 12-204 authorizing a donation of \$500 to the Jim Lucas Checotah Public Library. Sponsored by David Proctor with co-sponsors Beaver, Greene, and Thomas. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-205 authorizing a special appropriation of \$50,000 to the MCN communities for the purpose of enhancing and enriching Christmas activities for citizens. Sponsored by Ade, with co-sponsors Thomas and Wind. Amended by Ade to include the word “annually.” Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12- 207 authorizing a special appropriation of \$30,000 to MCN churches to assist with providing Christmas to Creek families. Sponsored and amended by Ade to include the word “annually.” Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-208 authorizing a special appropriation of \$4,800 to 16 Muscogee (Creek) ceremonial grounds to assist with providing Christmas to Creek families. Sponsored by Ade. Passed: 13—0 with Yahola abstaining.
- NCA 12-209 authorizing a \$50,000 donation to Mason Public Schools. Sponsored by Coachman with co-sponsors Thomas and Wind. Approved 14—0.
- NCA 12-210 amending NCA 11-04 appropriating funds to Twin Hills Indian Community. Sponsored by Rep. Keeper Johnson. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-212 authorizing the principal chief to make a \$43,306 purchase of a Glaval bus for the Koweta Indian Community. Sponsored by Randolph with co-sponsors Beaver, Greene, Johnson and Thomas. Passed 14—0.

- NCA 12-214 authorizing a supplemental appropriation of \$234,949 to the MCN Citizenship Board Office’s fiscal year 2013 budget. Sponsored by Rep. Pearl Thomas. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-215 authorizing a \$30,000 donation to the Bedouin Shrine. Sponsored by Rep. Adam Jones III. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-216 authorizing the expenditure of \$839,00 in funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, for implementation of Project Launch by the MCN department of Behavioral Health Services. Sponsored by Thomas. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-217 authorizing a special appropriation of \$50,000 to the Indian Fellowship Baptist church. Sponsored by Hufft. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-218 authorizing an additional \$600,000 to the MCN Attorney General FY2013 budget for the Citizen Legal Services Department. Sponsored by Greene. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-221 authorizing a supplemental appropriation of \$75,750 the MCN Senior Services program to participate in the “Mvskoke Etlwv” Muscogee (Creek) festival at the National Museum of the American Indian. Sponsored by Ade. Passed 14—0.
- NCA 12-222 Authorizing a \$14,022 donation to Butner Public Schools. Sponsored by Wind. Passed 14-0.

Reps. Kara Medina and David Nichols were absent.

‘Mvskoke Etlwv’

Festival celebrates

Mvskoke culture

The event will
take place Nov.
15-17 at the
Smithsonian
National
Museum of the
American Indian

Media Release
Mvskoke Media

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation culture, tribal government and veterans will be celebrated at a three-day festival Nov. 15-17 at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in recognition of American Indian Heritage Month and Veterans Day.

More than 100 MCN representatives will be traveling to Washington, D.C., to present all aspects of the tribe at the ‘Mvskoke Etlwv’ or Muscogee People festival. The participants include tribal officials – including Principal Chief George Tiger and Second Chief Roger Barnett – and National Council representatives.

The cultural presentations will include stompdance demonstrations, Creek hymnal singing, artisans, crafters and informational booths about the tribal government.

“We’re really proud and excited to have the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as part of this event,” said event co-coordinator and MCN Museum & Cultural Center Director John Beaver. “There are going to be a lot of people there that are going to actually see and learn what the Creek Nation is about. We’re excited because this is an opportunity where we’re going to present Creek history and culture.”

Event co-coordinator and MCN Museum & Cultural Center Assistant Director Justin Bruce Giles said the Museum & Cultural Center

is working in collaboration with the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian to bring the Muscogee culture to Washington, D.C., which will be essentially showcasing the tribe on a national and international level.

“We’re excited to be a part of that international scene in D.C.,” Giles said. “We’re bringing who we are to Washington, D.C., and to be a part of the world stage that the Smithsonian presents to the public. It’s about honoring, showcasing and celebrating our Muscogee culture, traditions and heritage as well as our tribal government and veterans.”

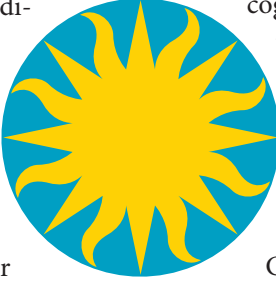
The tribe will be taking 60 citizens to the festival, as well as members of the Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard who will post and retire the colors each day of the event.

“It’s important that they bring us in right and close us out right too,” Giles said. “We’re excited to have them as part of the festival in recognition of Veterans Day.”

MCN departments traveling to Washington, D.C., to represent the tribe include Tourism & Recreation, Citizenship, JOM, Environmental Services, Housing Division, Community Research & Development and the Division of Health. The departments will have informational booths set up to visit with museum visitors from all over the world.

“This is going to be an example of what we’re working on here at the Muscogee Nation in terms of our museum project that we’re involved with,” Giles said. “Our museum project here at the Mus-

cogee (Creek) Nation will sponsor these types of events. This is a preview, just a taste of what we’ll be having here at the Creek Nation.”



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In January 2004, she began receiving treatments and like many chemotherapy patients, lost her hair during the process.

“When I had my head shaved and started wearing the wigs, that, as often is the case, is the hardest part of this journey . . . The scars you can cover and if you have to have a mastectomy, you can get a prosthesis or do reconstruction but when you lose your hair, and your eyebrows thins and your eyelashes fall out, it’s the outward sign that you’re sick,” she said.

After shaving her head, she explored the comprehensive world of wigs and used her new hair to create a unique dialogue between herself and

others about breast cancer.

“It allowed them to ask me questions about what I was going through . . .by wearing these wigs, it allowed me to actually share with people what my journey was like,” she said.

She shared a few of the wigs she wore during the time of her treatment with the Pink Party audience.

“I decided to make my journey an adventure, more so, through the wigs . . . something that I really laughed about,” she said.

Taylor suggested asking a professional for help in styling some of the hairpieces.

“Not all wigs are created equal... mine looked more like a beaver had just positioned itself on my head,” Taylor said.

She reminded the audience that it isn’t the challenges faced, but the way they are dealt with, which defines an individual.

“We all have challenges in our life; how you get through that – how you look at it, makes a big difference. It builds character. It shows your faith in God. It really tells you who you are,” she said.

According to Taylor, a few keys to fighting breast cancer include early detection through self-exams, attending annual wellness checks and, for women over the age of 40, yearly mammograms.

“85 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history . . . If you are a woman and you have breasts, you are at risk,” she said.

After the speakers, survivors and attendees visited informational booths for health information and released balloons to conclude the event.



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College of the Muscogee Nation receives suicide prevention grant



MNN/Gary Fife
College of the Muscogee Nation President Robert Bible received a \$24,000 donation from Daley Tearl, Clinical Director for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health Program, Oct. 30.

Donation aims to supplement funding for suicide prevention on CMN campus

Gary Fife
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) and the College of the Muscogee Nation (CMN) are teaming up to prevent incidents of suicide among Creek students.

The MCN Behavioral and Mental Health program presented the CMN with a \$24,000 donation Oct. 30, to the school’s student supervisory program to develop a prevention program.

The program conducts a prevention program at the college and Monte Randall, Dean of Student Affairs said it is a “QPR—Question, Persuade and Refer” training regime and a crisis management plan. With the new addition to student housing to the campus, Randall said CMN wanted to raise awareness.

“We just want to be prepared for the situation. We have residents here on campus now. We have 64 students in residence units here on campus, so we just always want to be prepared for that issue if the need arises.”

Diana Powell, resident manag-

er for student housing at the CMN called the effort a ‘preventive measure,’ “We just want to make sure that we are equipped to take care of the student should we happen to come across the situation like that.”

Combating youth suicide is a major topic across Native America. To date, CMN staff have not encountered any suicide attempts or fatalities. However, they do not discount the possibility of something unexpected occurring. Randall said, “We have had some concerns here. Luckily, we’ve had the training. We’ve been able to counsel our students, and then refer them to behavioral health. We’re not the experts in that area. This training is designed to give use some tools to prevent, but also to refer them to Behavioral Health.”

Powell confirmed that record but pointed out there have been cases of depression, “On an individual basis, we haven’t had any suicide attempts or anything of that nature. But, we do deal with students on a day-to-day basis and, you know, depression can come upon anybody and it comes suddenly. We just wanted to be in the preventative mode where we can be there for the student and get the referral they need before we get to a place that it would be suicide.”

CMN will use the donation for additional staff training, printed materials and other resources, like

public outreach to raise awareness for students and the public on the subject of suicide prevention.

The small size of the CMN student body has enabled staff members to know the students on a more personal level and Randall said it gave them an ‘edge’ in recognizing changes in behavior.

Powell called it an advantage, “We’re really family oriented here because we’re small enough that we see each other every day. We have interaction with each other every day, so it puts us at an advantage that we can see our students when they do come to a problem area in their life. We can act quickly and get the referrals they need to take care of them in the mental health area.”

Thomasine Fife is manager for the tribe’s “Guarding the Future: Suicide Prevention Project.” She said their department made the donation to supplement the ongoing efforts, “We’re making this donation to the college to insure that the student body here is educated and aware of suicide prevention efforts. This age [student age] is three times at risk than any other age groups. We want to be available for these students.”

Fife pointed to adding ‘protective factors’ to their educational process, “Promoting good mental health, substance abuse education—those are protective factors. That’s also something we’re working to provide here.”

‘Fast Track’ available at Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah

Media Release
MCN Division of Health

OKEMAH — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health has implemented ‘Fast Track’ at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah as of Nov. 5, 2012.

‘Fast Track’ is an extension of the emergency department developed as an effort to decrease patient wait time for those who require lower acuity care such as treatment for an ear infection, a rash and/ or a sore throat.

‘Fast Track’ is not intended to replace a primary care provider. Instead, it is an option when illness or injury strikes outside of a provider’s regular clinic hours.

Dedicated to serving as an extension of the hospital’s emergency department, ‘Fast Track,’ will provide care on a walk-in basis in a clinic setting.

Typical care provided by the

‘Fast Track’ provider includes an injury or illness that requires immediate treatment but is not serious enough to warrant a visit to an emergency department.

Upon arrival to the Creek Nation Community Hospital to seek care, patients must register in the main lobby at the front of the hospital. Once registered, the triage nurse will screen patients utilizing specific criteria to determine if the illness or injury warrants care in the Emergency Room or ‘Fast Track.’

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3–11 p.m. The Creek Nation Community Hospital ‘Fast Track’ is located at 903 North 14th in Okemah, Okla.

For more information, contact Judy Aaron or Sheryl Sharber-Howell at 918-623-1424 or toll free at 1-800-219-9458.

Free mental screenings performed during suicide prevention month

Media Release
MCN Behavioral Health

OKMULGEE — In recognition of National Depression Awareness Month, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health and other community partners provided free mental health screenings at various locations throughout the month of October, including MCN Indian Health Centers in Eufaula, Koweta, Okemah, Okmulgee, Sapulpa, and Wetumka.

Depression is a serious illness that affects about 19 million people from every walk of life in the U.S. each year.

Everyone feels sad sometimes but these feelings usually pass after a few days. With depression, people may have trouble with daily life for weeks at a time. Several factors may contribute to depression. It can be genetic, so those with a family history of depression may be more likely to experience symptoms. Some people with depression may also have different brain chemistry than those without the illness. Depression can be triggered by stress; such as loss of a loved one, relationship problems, or any other stressful situations.

There are several forms of depression and it affects people in different ways. Depression isn’t always easy to spot. Some people experience behavior changes, while some have mainly emotion-

al changes.

Some warning signs of depression may include: feeling persistently sad, anxious, or irritable; loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities; withdrawal from family and friends, sleeping too little or too much; decreased energy; significant changes in weight and/ or appetite; difficulty concentrating or making decisions; feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness, or guilt; physical problems such as headaches, digestive problems, or chronic pain; substance abuse problems; thoughts of suicide or suicide attempts.

The good news is that depression is treatable. Symptoms are usually treated with a combination of therapy and medication. If left untreated, depression can last for months, or even years.

People who are depressed commonly think about suicide, which is the eighth leading cause of death for all Native Americans and the second leading cause of death for Native Americans ages 10 to 34.

Individuals worried that a loved one may be depressed or suicidal should seek help immediately.


For more information about depression or mental health screenings, contact MCN Behavioral Health at 1-888-756-4333 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK.



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Citizens recognized during 2012 Dream Keepers Awards



MNN/Gerald Wofford
Pictured left to right are: Darrell Wildcat, Nancie Warrior Longacre, Teresa Runnels and Justin Giles who were honored at the 15th annual Dream Keepers Awards ceremony in Tulsa Nov. 6. Wildcat accepted the award on behalf of his parents, the late Jimmy and Eunice Wildcat.

15th annual event acknowledges accomplishments of Native Americans during Native Heritage Month

Gerald Wofford
MNN Feature Writer

TULSA — The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission honored 12 Native Americans Nov. 6 at their 15th annual Dream Keepers Awards banquet at the University of Oklahoma’s Schusterman Center in Tulsa. Three Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens were recipients including Teresa Runnels, Nancie Warrior Longacre, and Justin Giles.

Jimmy and Eunice Wildcat of the Euchee (Yuchi) tribe were honored posthumously.

“It is very humbling to be honored like this,” said Teresa Runnels who received the Perry Aunko Indigenous Language Preservation

award.

Runnels was instrumental in creating the American Indian Resource Center at the Tulsa City - County Library amongst many other projects.

Longacre was given the Jim Thorpe Sports Excellence Award for her athletic achievements, which include the title of 2002 Native American Martial Arts Association World Champion.

Giles received the Moscelyne Larkin Cultural Award for his work with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum and his work with Native American youth involved in the game of lacrosse.

The Wildcats were given the Kenneth Anquoe Lifetime Achievement Award for their cultural contributions, which include Jimmy’s Tulsa Mayor’s Art Award and Eunice’s Outstanding Indian Woman of the Year award in 1982. Their son, Darrell, accepted the award.

Longacre shared the same sentiment as Runnels and couldn’t believe she was given an award that bears the name of one of the most noted Native American athletes of

all time. Giles appreciated the magnitude of the award and realized he was the youngest on the esteemed list to be honored that evening.

Each award was named in honor of a Native American that excelled or contributed to Native American life. The event coincides with National

Native American Heritage Month, which celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of Native peoples.

Other recipients included James Ryals for the Lewis B. Ketchum Excellence in Business Award, Cara Cowan Watts for the Charles Chibitty Family Community Contributor Award, Curtis Zuniga for the Will Anquoe Humanitarian Award, Raymond Rogers received the Rennard Strickland Education Leadership Award, Patty Beaston for the Dr. Ralph Dru Career and Professional Award, Charles Diebold for the Red Sacred Circle of Spirituality Award, and Richard Tilden for the Roberta Gardipe American Indian Veterans Award.

First Riverwalk Crossing tenant happy with location

Jesse Markham explains why he chose to lease an office at Riverwalk

Sterling Cospoer
MNN Reporter

JENKS — Jesse Markham, General Manager of the Tulsa area for Electrical Consultants Inc. (ECI) the first tenant signed to the Jenks Riverwalk Crossing since the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) purchased it April 17, began operating his business out of the development Oct. 1.

ECI is an engineering design firm that commonly serves as a subcontractor consulting to power utility companies like the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Corporation (OGE) and American Electrical Power (AEP), helping these companies with the electrical engineering of their projects.

Markham’s office recently secured a contract with AEP for 11 different projects and is looking to hire more help to fulfill this contract. According to Markham the forthcoming expansion of his business made him decide to move it to the Riverwalk.

“We thought that the Riverwalk would be a good fit. It’s close by and I live in Jenks. It’s attractive for clients too; you can walk to Los Cabos or any of the other things around here,” Markham said.

The Tulsa branch of ECI was previously located at the River Plaza in Jenks and is now located in an office space within one of two buildings North of the main development at the Riverwalk.

Kim Partin with Merit Properties, who is property manager of the Riverwalk, worked with Markham to tailor the office space to his needs.

“Kim has been a really good person to work with. When I started looking at this place, there was no paint on the wall and no flooring; so Kim and I did a lot of that together and it’s been a good process,” Markham said.

Markham is also happy to be a tenant at the Riverwalk, now that it is owned by the MCN.

“We feel like the Creek Nation provides stability to the Riverwalk development. When Vision II passes in Tulsa we’re going to have more water in the river and they’ll be more development here,” he said.

Learning the language, regaining culture: Weeks 7-8

Gary Fife
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — WEEK 7: Yay! I got 100 percent on my alphabet test.

I must admit that it was one of those easy ‘cross-out-the-wrong-letters tests,’ though. I eliminated those letters that weren’t included in the Mvs-koke alphabet. Felt good, too. The letters finally came easily and it gave me a nice feeling of confidence when making my choices.

Daria Hicks is teaching us now with a combination of hand-outs and informal discussion of words and phrases. She’s making our lessons more conversational, mixing materials from her hand-outs with common useful phrases and words we will encounter in conversations.

For me, that fills in some blanks, nicely.

Y v H v — wolf. That’s my clan. That was the first question we were to answer for the day, —‘what’s your clan.’ Students were answering well and we heard the names of each other’s clans.

The seasons of the year were next; spring—ta-sah-ce; summer—mes-ke; fall—rv-fo-Ha-ke; winter—rv-fo. Then came some words that convey significant meanings: celauwete—Are you hungry? ehe—yes. Other one word phrases: hecis—I am seeing; hompis—I am eating; hv-tec ce—Wait!

The lessons are getting a little more complicated, but our progress is moving along at a comfortable pace. That is really important. It gives us a chance to pick up this new knowledge at rate that doesn’t overwhelm us. I hope I’m getting these words and phrases correct. I’m going to feel really silly if they aren’t. Maybe some elders are getting a grin from my measly attempts. That’s OK.

I’ve been trying to use this little bit of language when I speak with some elders. Some smile in recognition, some grin with amusement and I must admit a couple look at me with confusion. I just know my pronunciation gets mixed up occasionally but it beats not trying.

I found an old Creek hymnal among my late mother’s things. I’m anxious to bring it in for our mvhayv—teacher, to look at and see if there are any songs that I remembering hearing in English and in Creek as a child. It would be wonderful to learn them in Creek and be able to read them, too.

Here mahe—I’m doing fine.

WEEK 8: Our studies are progressing along with additional focus on two and three letter sounds and how they combine into words and sometimes, phrases. There’s still a great mass of vocabulary to learn, so some confu-

sion remains on what they mean, or don’t mean.

Our reviews include pronunciation done in slow and faster fashions. The slow ones to learn the correct sound and faster ones for the way they are used in normal Creek conversation. For me, this has been bearing results. I can look at our lesson materials and begin to recognize these combinations more quickly and more accurately pronounce them. It feels like I’m getting the ‘flow’ of the words and sounds more comfortably. We were asked to read phrases to ask for the month, date, week, greeting, name and clan. It was a good practical application of our studies. I think

most everyone got through it OK. I listened carefully to everyone who went before me, to make sure that I got it right.

We have begun exercises that look at three letter combinations. There were three—(tutcenen) sections. The first two—(hokkelen) were the usual repetition. It was the last section that got tricky. Instead of starting with the same letter like the others, these began with different letters that challenged our memories and tongues to make the changes and keep up with our mvhayv—teacher. I think we all did pretty well. That’s a welcome sign of progress.

On a side note, I wanted to know the Creek name for skunk. Nike estowin—why? Because I had one in my front yard when I went to set up for a yard sale one morning not too long ago. Kunu—skunk. Monks!—no. Fvmpe!—stinky! That last word I remembered from my childhood and when my efv—dog tangled with two of them. Anyway, I thought: That’s the last thing I need for a good yard sale—kunu.

I ran in to a classmate at the MCN Fall Festival and we were able to exchange proper greetings. That really felt like an accomplishment, I think for both of us. For fun, we even counted to ten. Imagine that? Being happy I could count to ten would not have occurred to me just eight weeks ago.

Lastly, I brought in my mother’s Creek hymnal and Hicks recognized song after song. She sang some melodies that really brought back some memories. I asked if there was a Creek version of a song my mom sang that I loved, “One Drop of Blood.” Yes, and when Hicks sang a bit, I was thinking, ‘I know this’ and I instantly recognized it and joined in the chorus.

That was really relearning the culture for me. Hvtvm Cehecare.



Dynamic duo leading Chieftains to undefeated season

Creek citizens Moore and Williams keep the losses away from Wetumka football

Darren DeLaune
MNN Sports Reporter

WETUMKA – A dynamic duo out of Wetumka, Okla., are turning heads and gaining a following at the same time.

Senior running back Derrick Moore and junior quarterback Chase Williams are helping the number-two Wetumka Chieftains to an undefeated season and a potentially deep playoff run for the 2012 football season.

“The season is going real well,” Williams said. “We are undefeated right now and we hope to stay that way.”

“We have two more games left in the season before the playoffs,” Moore said. “Two games that, if we play our best, we can win.”

Wetumka played 11-man football during the early 2000s up to 2008 when they changed to an eight-man structure.

The Chieftain tandem has always had love for the sport, with Moore playing football for eight years and Williams for nine.

“I love the atmosphere,” Moore said. “We play off the fans cheering for us.”

I love everything about this sport,” added Williams. “The physical play and what Derrick



MNN/Darren DeLaune

Pictured left to right are Muscogee (Creek) citizens Derrick Moore and Chase Williams who are leading the Wetumka Chieftains to an undefeated season so far in 2012.

said, the fans cheering for us.”

Going into this year, the Chieftains’ season has been a whirlwind with a majority of the games ending with the 45-point mercy ruling. At the time of press, Moore had 27 touchdowns for the season with Williams owning 30 — 11 of which came in a single victory against Bowlegs.

The boys know that it is tough juggling academics and sports but they do know that it has to be done.

“It is tough,” said Williams. “We have to get our schoolwork done

or we cannot play. It is hard sometimes but we do get it done.”

Coach Waymon Potts has nothing but great things to say about his two offensive threats.

“Both of these men are exceptional athletes,” said Potts. “They are great people and have great character. They compliment each other on the field. They are both strong athletes and are tough to bring down and get tackled. Derrick can run and catch the ball on offense. On defense, he likes to hit and can make the tackle. Chase has

stepped up real well this season. We can line him up at quarterback, running back, or wide receiver.”

The duo keeps opposing teams on edge.

“Teams know they have to try and stop both Derrick and Chase,” said Potts. “They cannot only focus on one, because the other one will have a great game.”

While both Moore and Williams have had a great season for their statistics, those two, along with Coach Potts know that they could not do it alone. They know that this

sport is a team sport and everyone on the field contributes to the success for this season.

“We have a great team this season,” said Potts. “Both our offensive and defensive lines are very good this year. If it wasn’t for our offensive line, Derrick and Chase would not have the games that they have.” Everyone contributes on this team in some way. We have several players that are playing injured but they still give us everything they have when they are on that field.

Coach Potts also contributes the team’s success to the offseason weight lifting program.

“We have a weight lifting program that our boys do when not in football,” said Potts. “Not only is it high school but also our junior high who show up and want to get better and stronger too. They look up to the varsity like Derrick and Chase and know what they have to do to get better to help our football teams. Another great thing is that some of our boys on the weight lifting team have received a lot of rewards in competitions. That shows that we push and compliment each other both on and off the field.”

The Chieftains are currently undefeated and soon hope to accomplish another goal of lifting the state championship trophy above their heads in celebration in a few weeks.

Moore (Creek) is the son of Maurice and Angie (Yahola) Sleet and Marcus Moore. His clan is Hotvle (Wind).

Williams (Creek) is the son of Eddie and Lori Williams.

Native artists display works in Jenks and Kellyville

Gerald Wofford
MNN Feature Writer

JENKS — The blue skies of Oct. 27 were the setting for the first Native Made Art Festival at the Riverwalk Crossing in Jenks and the Yuchi Heritage Festival in Kellyville. Both events saw hundreds of visitors from all over the region and state.

“I am so proud the Creek Nation decided to put this on,” said Diana Beaver of Twin Hills.

Beaver and her husband, Harry, displayed and sold their artwork near the banks of the Arkansas River along with many other artists. The Beavers create turbans as well as shell carvings, necklaces and paintings.

“We usually have to travel a long distance just to sell our works, but it’s nice to have a place here that is so close to home,” said Beaver.

Native American artists were encouraged to bring and sell their work without the expense of booth and set up fees, which is required by many art festival policies. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tourism and Recreation Department created the event.

“We’re glad we could bring all these artists together and allow people here to see it as well,” said William Lowe, MCN Tourism and Recreation Director.



MNN/Gerald Wofford

Pictured at top are visitors at the first Native Made Art Festival at the Riverwalk Crossing in Jenks. At left are vendors Diana and Harry Beaver.



In addition to the Beavers, other Native artists also took advantage of the opportunity to showcase their work, including Bill McCulley, Jon Tiger, Paula Willits, and Barbara West.

Just a little further south, the Yuchi were gathered together to celebrate their annual heritage festival held at the Creek County fairgrounds along Route 66 near Kellyville.

The two-day event began Oct. 26

with a traditional meal.

“Well, I didn’t get the chicken and dumplings like I wanted, but I did get in on the corn soup,” laughed Yuchi tribal member Larry Grounds.

Other activities included Yuchi children singing and performing skits in the Yuchi language, arts and crafts, gospel singing, a horseshoe tournament and the annual social stomp-dance Oct. 27.

Creek/Choctaw pair takes first in Special Olympics golf

Darren DeLaune
MNN Sports Reporter

OKLAHOMA CITY — Richard Belcher got a late start in the golfing game where he started playing at the age of 39. Along with his student, Terry Sullivan, the pair is turning heads across Oklahoma.

Belcher has been golfing for over 21 years. He started while in the Navy when he was based in Guam.

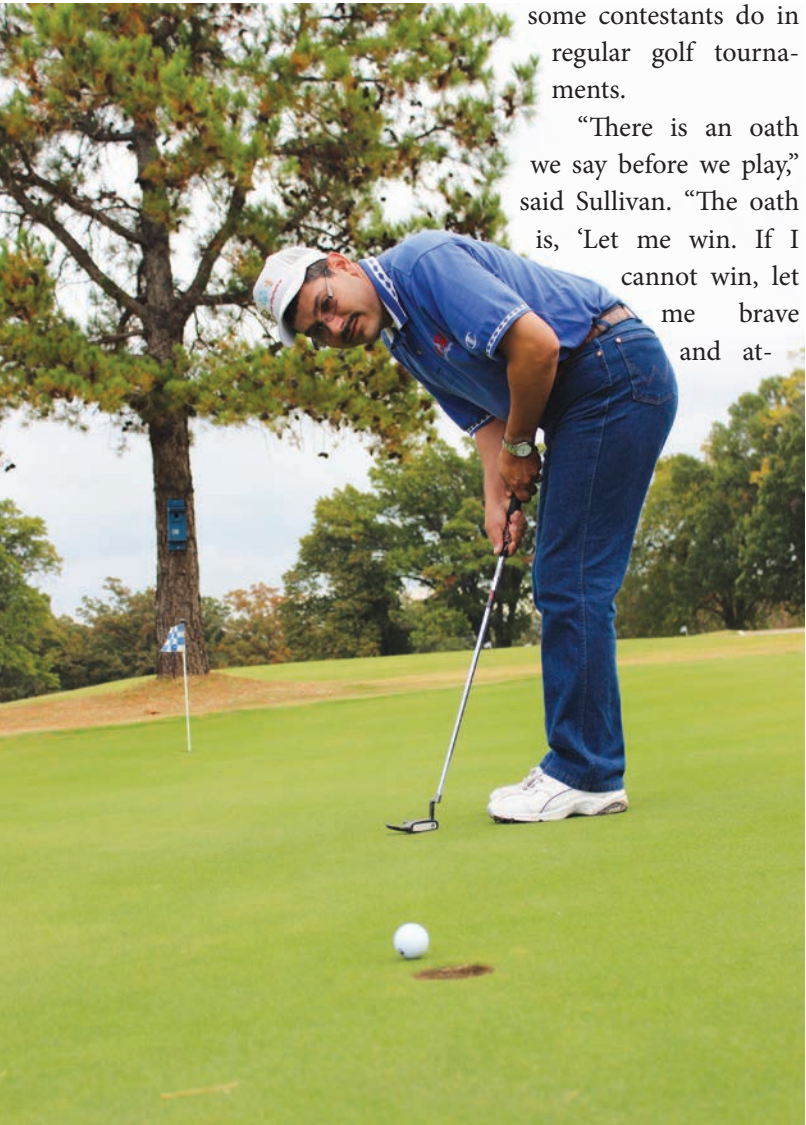
“I used to play tennis before I started golf,” Belcher said. “One day, while serving in Guam, I was asked to play a game of golf and I never picked up my racket again. Honestly, I do not even know what happened to the racket.”

Belcher trained Sullivan for the 2012 Special Olympics where they walked away with two first place victories in Oklahoma City at the James Stewart Golf Course Oct. 8 and in Tulsa at Mohawk Park Oct. 13.

In an 18-hole golf tournament handicapped players tee off on odd-numbered holes and trainers tee off on even-numbered holes. Both alternate and hit until they each sink the shot.

Both tournaments were tight but Sullivan and Belcher came out on top. In Oklahoma City, the duo won by over three strokes and in Tulsa, a single stroke separated their winning team from second place.

Sullivan, who has a history of seizures, has been golfing since he was three years old. Belcher has trained him for the last three months.



MNN/Darren DeLaune

Pictured left to right are Muscogee (Creek) coach Richard Belcher and Choctaw golfer Terry Sullivan (below). The pair took first during the 2012 Special Olympics golf tournament.

“Sullivan’s father, Douglas, is the one that asked me to help train him,” said Belcher. “When I train him (Sullivan), I work on his swing speed. He can already hit the ball a mile. We want more control when he tees off.”

Sullivan feels that with the Special Olympics, the contestants have a better understanding and more respect for the game than some contestants do in regular golf tournaments.

“There is an oath we say before we play,” said Sullivan. “The oath is, ‘Let me win. If I cannot win, let me be brave and at-

tempt.’”

“Participants in the Special Olympics do enjoy the golf game a lot more,” said Belcher. “When awards are handed out, it means more than money can buy. The smiles are golden.”

“I love playing golf a lot,” said Sullivan. “It is real fun and I get to make new friends at each event. Most of all, I get to play with my coach, Richard, and learn from him.”

Although Belcher loves playing, what makes him happy about the game is teaching other people about golf.

“I love teaching golf,” Belcher said. “I get to transfer knowledge and I get instant feedback. If we can get more people to come out and golf, we could get more of them to exercise and stay in great shape. I wish I played when I was a lot younger. Playing with Terry has been fun from the start. When he plays, it gives him a sense of accomplishment.”

Although they play as a team in the Special Olympics, Belcher stresses that training is essential to be successful at this sport.

“Golf, more or less is an individual game,” Belcher said. “What you get out of it is what you put in. You have to practice and keep practicing.”

Belcher is Creek and his clan is Fuswv (Bird). His parents are the late Jack and Edna Belcher.

Sullivan is Choctaw.

Muscogee author wins silver at IRMA awards

Media Release
Oklahoma Today

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Muscogee (Creek) National tribal member Eddie Chuculate won silver in the International Regional Magazine Association’s annual awards on Oct. 1 in the essay category for his essay on Hillabee Indian Baptist Church in Hanna.

The essay, “Red Moon Rising,” appeared in the May/June 2011 issue, and featured longtime Creek Indian Baptist preacher Austin Barnett, now deceased.

“We’re thrilled,” said Joan Henderson, *Oklahoma Today* publisher. “The IRMA publications are outstanding, so winning in this environment is a real feather in our cap.”

Chuculate is a former contributor to the *Muscogee Nation News* and sports editor at the *Okmulgee (Okla.) Daily Times*. He also worked at the *Muskogee Phoenix*, *Tulsa World*, *Pryor Daily Times* and *Daily Ardmoreite*, where the longtime sports-writer covered the Dallas Cowboys.

He’s also the author of a collection of short stories titled “Cheyenne Madonna.”

Judges described Chuculate’s writing as “resonant,” “insightful, and vivid.” They had similarly enthusiastic comments about the publication as a whole.

Chuculate is the grandson of the late Maxine (Narcomey) Flanary, and great-grandson of fullblood Creeks Francis (Lewis) Narcomey and the Rev. Raymond Narcomey, both deceased.

In addition to Chuculate’s award, *Oklahoma Today* won Magazine of the Year honors for

publications with circulation of up to 40,000. It also received gold honors for Overall Art Direction and Steffie Corcoran’s editor’s letter column.

“Disparate cover topics (country music, Indian history, survivor trees) reflect the Sooner State’s amazing diversity,” said contest judge Steve Fennessy, editor of *Atlanta* magazine. “A great advertisement for Oklahoma.”

“Collaboration is essential to all strong editorial content,” said Corcoran. “A huge amount of the credit for these awards is due to the hard work of our editors, freelance writers and photographers, and our longtime art director, Steven Walker. It’s very gratifying to be recognized for sharing something so important to all of us, love of home.”

The International Regional Magazine Association (IRMA), founded in 1960, exists to facilitate communication and exchange of ideas between regional publishers throughout the world. Henderson serves as a member of the IRMA Board of Directors, and *Oklahoma Today* hosted the annual conference in Oklahoma City and Lone Wolf in 2007.

Oklahoma Today, the Magazine of Oklahoma since 1956, focuses on the people, places, and culture of Oklahoma. A paid-circulation magazine, it has subscribers in every state and many foreign countries. It is published bimonthly by the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department.

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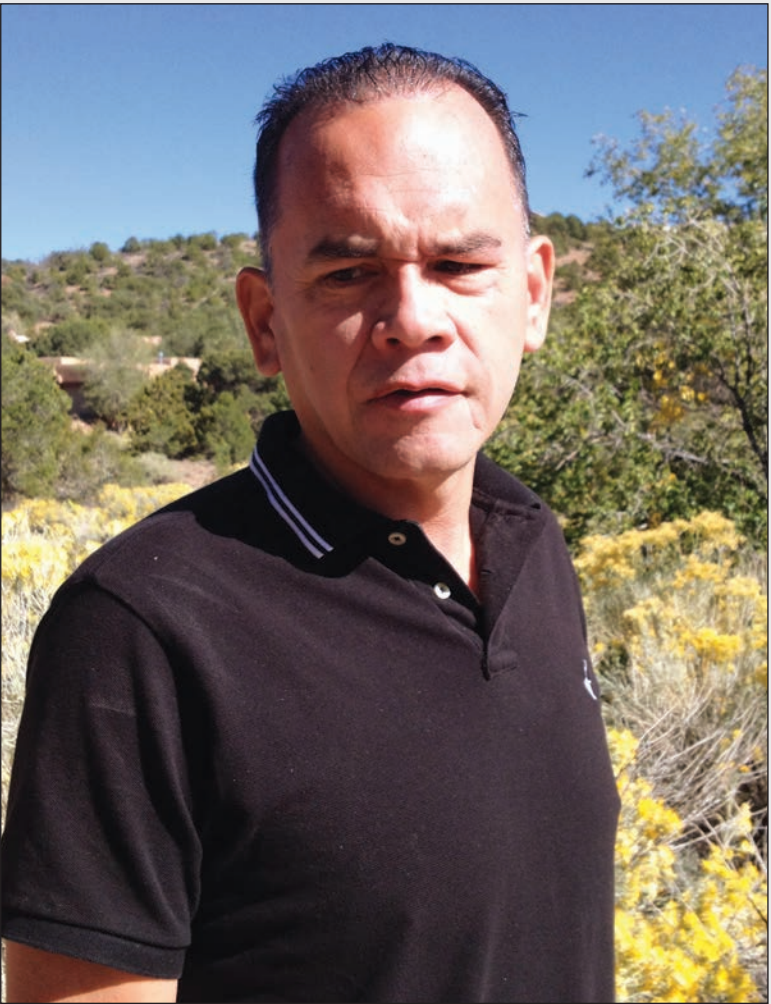


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2012

MCN REINTEGRATION PROGRAM TO HOST 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

HENRYETTA — The MCN Reintegration Program (RIP) is having its 4th annual Holiday Toy Drive to ensure that children with incarcerated family members have gifts for the holidays.

For more information, including drop off sites call 918-652-2676.

MCN TRIBAL DRIVEWAYS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

OKMULGEE — The Tribal Driveways Program is accepting applications for repair of accessible driveways for property owners who reside within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries. Applicant must be enrolled with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribe.

Organization applications are also available for Muscogee (Creek) Nation ceremonial grounds, tribal towns, community centers, churches and when needed, family cemeteries that are within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries.

For more information or to request an application call 918-732-7651 or 1-800-482-1979.

NUNU HESAKAT FELLOWSHIP TO HOST CHILI SUPPER NOV. 17

GLENPOOL — Nunu Hesakat Fellowship is hosting a chili supper Nov. 17 from 4:30-7:30 p.m., at 14401 S. Elwood in Glenpool.

The supper will cost \$6 per person and includes chili, fry bread, drink and dessert.

HOMEMADE PIES AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY PURCHASE

OKEMAH — Mvskoke elder Carol Tiger is selling a variety of homemade pies for the holidays.

All pies except pecan are \$7 a piece including order and delivery. Pecan Pies are \$9 and cobblers are \$10.

For more information call Tiger at 918-716-8267.

NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTMAS MARKET TO BE HELD AT SAPULPA

SAPULPA — The second annual Native American Christmas Market is being held Nov. 24 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Sapulpa Elks Lodge at 24 S. Poplar in Sapulpa.

Spaces for artists displays are \$25 and guest admission is \$7.

Both include an Indian taco and tea. Featured artists will be Dana Tiger and Tom Barnett.

For more information contact Tricia Alexander at 918-852-0017.

MCN CULTURAL PRESERVATION TO HOST INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION DEC. 8

OKMULGEE — The MCN Historic and Cultural Preservation Department is hosting an informational presentation Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the MCN Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center.

There will be refreshments, door prizes and hot lunch will be served. RSVPs are requested.

For more information, call 918-732-7733.

TWIN HILLS TO HOST GROCERY BINGO DEC. 1

TWIN HILLS — The Twin Hills Indian Community is hosting a grocery bingo Dec. 1.

Concession will open at 12 p.m., and bingo will follow at 1 p.m.

For more information call 918-527-5155.

12TH ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE SOBRIETY POW-WOW SET FOR DEC. 31

TULSA — The Friends of Sobriety is hosting the 12th annual New Years Eve Sobriety Pow-wow Dec.

31 at 100 Civic Center in downtown Tulsa.

The event is free to the public. For more information contact Lorraine Bosin at 918-639-7999 or Karl Beaston at 918-832-1981.

CLUB TO HOST NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS ASSEMBLY NOV. 27

WELEETKA — The Weleetka Public Schools Native American Club will host an assembly promoting Native American awareness for elementary students Nov. 27 at 2:30 p.m., at Weleetka High School.

OSU AMERICAN INDIAN ALUMNI SOCIETY TO MEET NOV. 17

STILLWATER — The OSU American Indian Alumni Society is hosting a meeting Nov. 17 in the Barnes Conference Room located in the OSU ConocoPhillips Alumni Center on the OSU campus.

The meeting will begin three hours prior to the OSU vs. Texas Tech football game.


For more information call 405-744-8837.

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OKMULGEE — The big national choice is over. Time for ‘Monday morning quarterbacking.’

After tons of cash was spent, harsh rhetoric tossed about and political lines drawn in the sand, we’re just about where we started from as far as our governmental leadership is concerned.

U.S. President Barack Obama has been granted a second term as chief of all the Americans by a margin that most people had predicted would be small.

Congress remains the same with a Republican majority in the House and a Democratic majority in the Senate. Any Obama proposal sent to Congress will be met with the same challenges to passage that have been seen in the past four years.

National pundits say the Republican Party had counted on their usual support to carry them through. Combined with a conservative backlash against the current administration and Congress, they thought that would be enough to sweep them into office. These observers say that party had not taken into consideration the changes in the American population. Among other things, that is the growth of the minority vote, which includes us.

The National Congress of American Indians funneled money to local tribal groups to encourage Native America to vote. Stories around Indian Country showed local tribal efforts to get out the vote. These were non-partisan campaigns but a majority of native people have favored Democrats in the past.

I don’t know if that changed much, but I’m not aware of anything that happened to make a difference there.

I’m sure there are those Native people who would argue with a statement that the GOP didn’t make an appeal to Natives. However, I don’t remember seeing pictures of too many minority people at the GOP rallies. Their national platform was kind of vague in presenting their intentions in regards to our peoples.

It would be hard, if not impossible, to come up with a number and say how Native Americans voted for the most part. However, Paul DeMain and News From Indian Country said that the tribal vote did make a difference in the local Wisconsin race that affected their reservation. I’m sure that could be shown again in how tribes like the Navajo or Lakotas voted in their elections. It would be interesting to find out how the Muscogee people voted.

The election dust is settling now and we will go on with our business.

With the president’s reelection, there is a track record in place and action on issues of importance to Native America, so we don’t have to start over educating a new administration. It remains to be seen how Native issues will fare in this second presidential term and on Capitol Hill.

Let’s hope that our governmental leaders can get over the vast divisions between them and find a way to work for the greater good of our nation.



The Green Corner: Greenhouse gases and the greenhouse effect

Yvette Wiley
MCN Environmental Services

OKMULGEE — Most people have heard or read about greenhouse gases. In fact, many could probably rattle off names of a few of these gases even if they may not fully understand what they are or how they function.

A greenhouse gas is simply a chemical compound that captures and stores heat. Perhaps some have heard the term, “heat trapping gases.” Heat is one form of energy and Earth is heated as the sun radiates heat energy through the atmosphere to its surface. The atmosphere that surrounds Earth is filled with dozens of gases, some of which work to trap heat. These are known as heat trapping gases, or greenhouse gases (GHG). They are called greenhouse gases because the process works much like a greenhouse.

Heat energy from the sun passes through the atmosphere down to Earth. About 70 percent of that energy is absorbed by the land, the ocean and by plants. The remaining 30 percent is reflected back to space by things like snow fields and clouds. The absorbed heat energy doesn’t stay here forever or too much energy would build up and Earth would burn up. The Earth’s surface needs a mechanism to cool itself, so this heat energy is eventually released and it radiates back to the Earth’s atmosphere. Some of the heat passes through all of the layers of the atmosphere and goes on into space, but some of heat energy gets trapped in the atmosphere by gases, hence, ‘heat trapping gases’ or GHG. How does this happen?

The energy that comes directly

from the sun is called relative shortwave energy. The heat energy that is radiated back from Earth’s surface is longer-wave energy (infrared). Infrared is the form of energy that the atmospheric gases absorb and trap. If we didn’t have the GHG in the atmosphere all the heat energy that came to the Earth

face is covered by approximately 70 percent water. When the temperature rises, liquid water changes into its gaseous state and becomes water vapor. This is called evaporation. With the higher air temperature there is a higher absolute humidity (the air is holding more water) leading to more water

tion within the carbon cycle. CO2 levels in the atmosphere are both naturally occurring and from anthropogenic (caused by humans) activities.

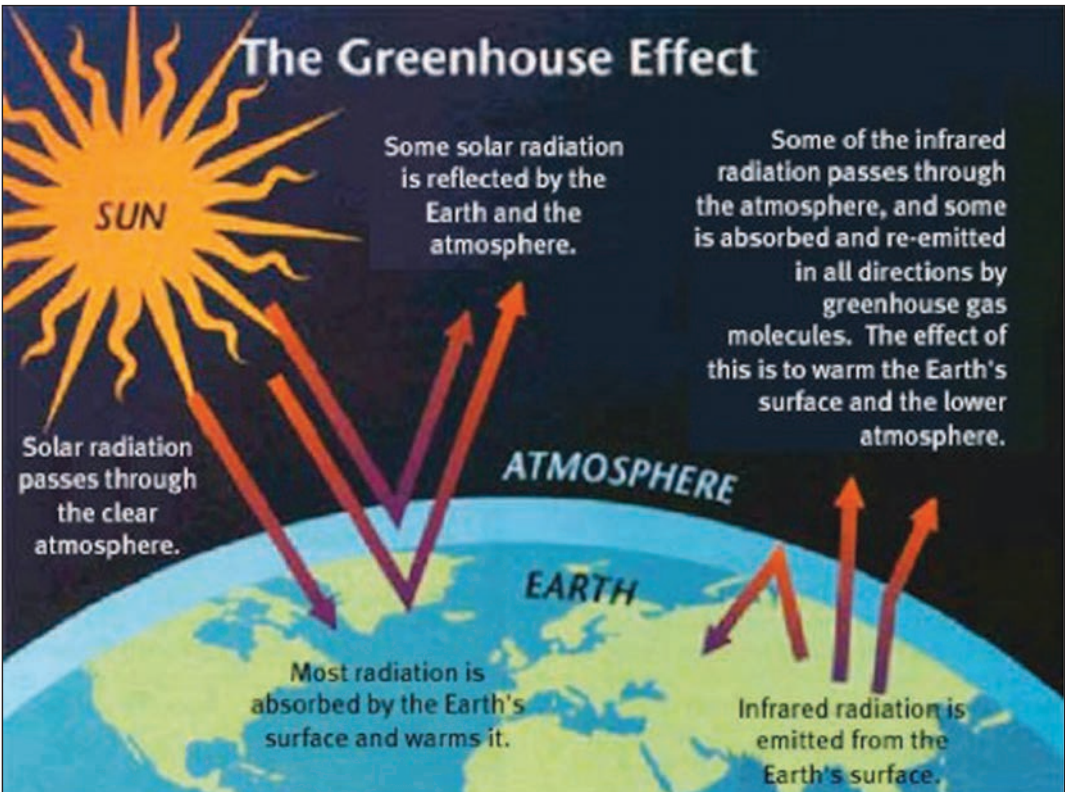
Methane (CH4): Methane is another organic chemical since it is carbon-based. Note there are four hydrogen atoms for every carbon

atom. Methane is also produced from both natural processes and anthropogenic activities. CH4 is released from some types of wetlands, like peat bogs; from rice production; and from biological processes that occur in low oxygen environments such as fermentation. CH4 is 20 times more potent than CO2, but much of it has been locked beneath the Earth surface or beneath bedrock and permafrost.

Nitrous Oxide (N2O): Natural emissions of nitrous oxide occur from bacterial breakdown of nitrogen in soil and the Earth’s oceans. It also occurs from fossil fuel combustion; agricultural practices such as using nitrogen fertilizer and from the breakdown of animal (and human) waste products.

These are only a few of the GHGs. The cycle and the chemical process of formation and breakdown can be complicated for each one of the GHGs presented. The key point is that there is a range, an upper and lower boundary, for things to function optimally on planet Earth.

The key take-away point is balance: avoid taking too much from a system or overloading a system for an extended period of time.



would escape to outer space and the Earth would be too cold for life. There is a cycle that needs to stay within an optimal range for life on Earth to remain in balance. Too much or too little of one thing (a forcer) will tip the balance toward one direction or the other.

Some of the chemical compounds called GHG are: water vapor (H2O); carbon dioxide (CO2); methane (CH4); and nitrous oxide (N2O). These are naturally occurring GHG. There are other synthetic or man-made chemical compounds that work as GHG, however, the naturally occurring ones are listed here:

Water Vapor: Water vapor is the most abundant GHG. Earth’s sur-

vapor in the atmosphere.

Carbon Dioxide (CO2): This is an organic chemical compound as is all compounds that have a carbon attached. There is one carbon atom for every two oxygen atoms. One way CO2 is produced is by adding energy (burning) things that are carbon based; like coal, wood, methane, and petroleum. It is also exhaled by mammals as part of the respiratory process. Additionally, CO2 is emitted from volcanoes, hot springs, geysers, and other places where the Earth’s crust is thin. We must have CO2 for life on Earth to exist. CO2 moves through the carbon cycle, and we need it in an appropriate amount for a balanced fluctua-

RIP’s Victim Impact Class provides assistance for offenders

Media Release
MCN Reintegration Program

HENRYETTA — *The following is a letter submitted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program:*

My name is Carrie Wyatt and I work for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program. Our program is vital in the efforts of successful reintegration and transition assistance. We are a tribally funded program geared towards providing Creek citizens who have been incarcerated or soon to be released the opportunity to benefit from our services.

One of the many programs our office provides is a Victim Impact Class. Victim Impact is geared toward helping offenders to become more aware of the impact that crime has on victims and to take responsibility for their actions and begin to make amends. It consists of 13 units, built around 10 core crime topics including: property crime, assault, robbery, hate and bias, gang violence, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, drunk and impaired driving and homicide.

I started teaching Victim



Photo provided/MCN RIP

Pictured above is the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program’s Victim Impact Class which is geared toward helping offenders become more aware of the impact that crime has on victims and to take responsibility for their actions.

Impact at John H. Lilley Correctional Center in April of 2012. I teach twice a week with a morning class of 12 students and an afternoon class of 12 students.

As of today, I have had a total of 72 students. I administer a pre-test which gives me an opportunity to obtain the respondent’s attitudes toward the victimization experience and rough measure of levels of expressed empathy they have for victims.

It also allows me to see their attitudes regarding self-accountabil-

ity and the need or desire to make amends with victims. At the end of the seven week program, I administer the post test which is the same as the pre-test, to see how their thought process has changed after taking the Victim Impact class.

I have a small graduation ceremony at the end where we have group activities, lunch and I present them their certificates. I have to say, I learn a lot from each group I teach. It’s a great feeling to see these men show such dedica-

tion to this class and willingness to have the desire for a better understanding on how their actions affect people.

I let the men know and teach them that their past does not define who they are or what their future holds. I let them know that the best way to show forgiveness is by change and that they always have a choice on how they react to a situation.

Change is not easy. Change is a process, not an event. It takes time, motivation, and work. I truly believe that every one of my students is capable of this process and I wish nothing but the best for them.

The Reintegration Program is based on everything that I believe in. The program presents that everyone is capable of change and deserves a second chance. I feel that it is a privilege to be in the position that I am.

For more information about our program, you can visit our website at www.mcncip.com or contact our office at 918-652-2676 or toll free at 1-800-259-1059.



MCN Tribal Walking Program



Who: Any American Indian 12 years and older living within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation jurisdiction and spouse or parent of an American Indian Walking Program participant.

What: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Program is offering an incentive based walking program to encourage its citizens to be more physically active all year round.

Where and When:

Koweta Clinic Area Communities - Contact: Taylor Thompson @ 918-807-1561

Muskogee Community Sign-up: November 8, 6:00-7:00pm @ New Muskogee Community Center - (335 N. 4th St Muskogee, OK 74401)
Tulsa Community Sign-up: November 13, 6:00-7:00pm @ Tulsa Community Center - (8611 S. Union Tulsa, OK 74132)
Koweta Community Sign-up: November 15, 6:00-7:00pm @ Koweta Community Center - (30901 E 141 st St Coweta, OK 74429)
Koweta Clinic Employee Sign-up: November 14, 3:00-4:00 In the Diabetes Kitchen
Okmulgee Clinic Area Communities - Contact: William Fixico @ 918-637-9683
Morris/Twin Hills Community Sign-up: November 5, 6:00-7:00pm @ Morris Trinity Baptist Church
Yardeka Community Sign-up: November 8, 6:30-7:30pm @ Yardeka Community Center
Dewar/Wilson Community Sign-up: November 13, 6:00-7:00pm @ Dewar Community Center
Okmulgee Community Sign-up: November 15, 6:30-7:30pm @ Okmulgee Elderly Housing
Okmulgee Clinic Sign-up: November 20, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Diabetes Building

Sapulpa Clinic Area Communities - Contact: Duane Meadows @ 918-695-1325

Glenpool/Duck Creek - November 1 st from 6pm-7pm @ Glenpool Indian Community Center (13839 S Casper)
Sapulpa - November 5 th from 6pm-7pm @ Sapulpa Indian Community Center (1020 North Brown)
Kellyville - November 6 th from 6pm-7pm @ Kellyville Indian Community Center (18901 W. Hwy 66)
Bristow - November 13 th from 6pm-7pm @ Bristow Indian Community Center (710 S. Main)

Eufaula Clinic Area Communities - Contact: Kimberlee Little @ 918-637-9684

Hanna-November 1 st from 6pm-7pm @ Hanna School Gym
Stidham-November 5 th from 6pm-7pm @ Stidham Community Center
Eufaula-November 6 th from 6pm-7pm @ Eufaula Indian Community
Checotah-November 13 th from 6pm-7pm @ Checotah Indian Community
EIHC Employees-November 14 th from 12-1pm; 2-3pm & 5-6pm @Diabetes Building

Okemah Clinic Area Communities - Contact: Irene Culley @ 918-636-8735

November 1 st from 6-7 pm @ Okemah Indian Community
November 5 th from 6-7 pm @ Paden School Cafeteria
November 6 th from 6-7 pm @ Weleetka Indian Community
November 8 th from 6- 7 pm @ Holdenville Indian Community
November 13 th from 6 -7pm @ Okfuskee Indian Community
November 15 th from 6 - 7pm @ Wetumka Indian Community

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Walking Program is excited to get you started in our program, whether you are a new or returning participant. We will have incentives, pedometers, and we will be offering gift cards for finishing the program in a healthy level. If you are unable to make the sign-up in your community, feel free to come to a community sign-up in your clinic area to join our program. We hope to see you there!

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- Have an annual family income which does not exceed 80% of the national Median income as published by HUD.
- Be 18 years or older.
- Provide all requested information, which includes Citizenship cards for preference purposes, Social Security cards and employment verification for each working family member.
- Sign all required forms including the Consent for Disclosure of Information.
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FOR A PRE-APPLICATION CONTACT LADONNA NORTHCROSS AT 918-549-2554 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

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FANNIE LOU BEVENUE



TULSA — Fannie Lou Bevenue was born Feb. 8, 1940 and passed from this life Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012 at St. John Medical Center, in Tulsa, Okla.

Lou, as all her family called her, was a life-long resident of Sapulpa, Okla. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Sherwood Manor in Tulsa, Okla.

Lou was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard L. Bevenue and Mary Bevenue; grandmother, Babie Crow Cumsey; brother, Leonard L. Bevenue, Jr. (Chubby); and nephew Earnest Bevenue.

She leaves behind two sisters, Jean Pahestopah and Virginia Rangel and Joe; four brothers, Kenneth Paul Bevenue and Patsy, Ronnie Bevenue and Linda, Wag- oner, Okla., Raymond Bevenue and Donnie Bevenue and Carol all of Sapulpa.

She also had a host of nieces and nephews and cousins. She also has one uncle, Pat Bevenue all from Sapulpa. Wake services were held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012 at Pickett Chapel, Sapulpa.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 2012 at Pickett Chapel with Rev. Nelson Harjo officiat- ing. Pallbearers were Mike Pah- setopah, Donald Bevenue, Lou Pahestopah, Raymond Bevenue, Jr., Bryan Pahsetopah and Wayne Bevenue.

Honorary pallbearers were Rus- sell Pahsetopah, Tony Bevenue, Jeremy Rangel and Josh Bevenue.

Interment followed at Bevenue Family Cemetery, located at 2810 S. Hickory, in Sapulpa, where she was laid to rest next to her mother and father.

Funeral arrangements were un- der the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Sapulpa.

RAYMOND CHOTKEY



NORMAN — Raymond Chot- key was born June 11, 1920 to Willie Jacobs and Cynthia (Day) Jacobs in the Eufaula area. He worked for Trinity Steele and Cat- tlemen's Cafe for many years.

He married Mae Bullitt in 1966 and they were the parents of six children. Raymond married Nan- cy Hall in 1985. He was a veteran of World War II, serving his time in Camp Roberts, Calif. He was honorably discharged as a Private in 1945.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Velma (Judy) Pi- geon, Mary Hobia, brother Amos

Tiger and son Samuel (Big Boy) Chotkey.

He is survived by his wife, Nan- cy, of the home; daughters Melissa Worcester of Weleetka and Estelen Secondin of Shawnee; sons John Chotkey of Weleetka, Raymond Jr., of Weleetka and Chester Chot- key of Glenpool; step-daughter Maxine Hill of Weleetka, siblings Liz Severs and Billy Chotkey of Okemah, 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, six great- great grandchildren, sister, Nell Kincade, of Wetumka as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank Belleview Nursing and Rehabilita- tion Center and the Veterans Cen- ter in Norman for the wonderful care they gave to Raymond.

A memorial service was held in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church Aug. 25, 2012.

NORMAN JEAN TARYOLE CRADDOCK

GRAHAM, N.C. — Norman Jean Taryole Craddock, 74, went to her Heavenly home, Sept. 17, 2012 in Graham, N.C., surround- ed by her children. She was born Dec. 19, 1937 to Marchie and Bet- sy (Leader) Taryole. She attended City View High School in Mang- um, Okla., and Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan.

She was of the Deer Clan and Nuyaka Ceremonial Grounds. She married Dennis Craddock in 1964 in Fort Smith, Ark. She en- joyed basketball, watching the At- lanta Braves baseball games and loved being with her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Shannon Denise Craddock and son, Denne Eagle Craddock of Graham, N.C., sister, JoAnn and Bill Dodd of Elsinore, Utah and brother, Wayne Taryole and wife, Toni, of Mountain View, Okla., two nieces, five nephews and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Winfred and Steven Taryole; nephew, Christopher Taryole and a niece, infant baby girl.

MELISSA ANN MITCHELL



WETUMKA — Melissa Ann Mitchell was born April 2, 1977 at Claremore Indian Hospital to Shirley (Harjo) Pigeon and the late Frank Mitchell. She passed from this life at the young age of 35 years old Oct. 24, 2012.

Funeral Services were held Oct. 27, 2012 at Wetumka Indian Bap- tist with Pastor Woody Fields of- ficiating.

She spent all of her life in Tulsa with family and friends. She was not in good health due to a heart problem but she loved going to the movies. The horror movies were her favorite. She did a lot of baby-sitting and just loved visit- ing with family and friends.

She had a great love for her family, especially for her children – Shayla, Annis- sa, Noah, and

baby Elijah who she considered as one of her own.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Mitchell, and her grandparents, Noah and Nan- cy Harjo, Eliza (Gouge) Mitchell, Sam and Eloise Mitchell and her Uncle Willie Harjo.

She is survived by her husband Raymond Fogel of the home, her children, Shayla Fogel of the home, Annis- sa Pigeon of Oke- mah, Noah Mitchell of Okemah, and Elijah Proctor of Tulsa, her mother and stepfather Shirley and Walter Pigeon of Okemah, grandfather John Pigeon of Oke- mah, brother Christopher Mitch- ell and four sisters Angela Mitch- ell of Cherokee, N.C., Rakell Vann of Tahlequah, Stephanie Byrd of Tulsa and Missy Pigeon of Okmulgee as well as numerous aunts, uncles, family and friends.

Pallbearers were Dakota Har- jo, Lloyd Harjo, Stanley Harjo, Noah Harjo, Micah Harjo, Darrin Rollins, Bill Brown and Ronnie Knapp.

She was laid to rest at the Harjo family cemetery.

She will always be forever in our hearts and missed by all who knew her.

JOHNNY LEE POWELL



OKMULGEE — Johnny Lee Powell passed away at his home in Okmulgee Sept. 7, 2012 at the age of 53.

He was born Oct. 20, 1958 and grew up around the Salem and Ryal communities. He was em- ployed at the Okmulgee Cemetery for 14 years.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and watching his sports (OU, L.A. Lakers, Denver Broncos and St. Louis Rams) He attended school at Ryal and Graham High School, graduating in May 1977. In 1978, after graduating, he went to the National Guard. He fur- thered his education by attending OSU Tech in plumbing/pipefit- ting and construction.

Johnny was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Smith, son Donnie Lindsey, niece Thomasina Watson, nephew An- thony Watson, uncle Johnson Smith, two aunts: Lucille Sumka and Lizzie Gouge.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Katherine Powell of the home, daughter Wynona Powell of Okmulgee, two sons: Johnny Powell, Jr. and Stephan Powell of the home, six grandchildren: Nathan Powell, Seth, Ethan and Raina Sands all of Okmulgee, Mia Anderson and Angel Hartley of Wetumka, his mother Louise Harjo, aunt May Frye, three sis- ters: Nellie Powell, Jensie Powell Jimboy and Lydia Powell, two brothers: Roman Powell and Jerry Powell, two nieces: Justina Powell, Stephanie Looney, three neph- ews: Joe Looney, Rusty Tisho, Jr. and Richard Morgan. He will be missed, never forgotten and for- ever loved.

A funeral service at the Yardeka

Indian Baptist Church was held Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. Interment fol- lowed at the Smith Family Cem- etery in Dustin, Okla.

Pallbearers were Johnny Pow- ell, Jr., Stephan Powell, T.J. Jesse, Alan Snow, Boone Watson, Ro- man Powell, James Frye and Harbie Frye, Jr. Honorary casket bearers are Nathan Powell, Seth, Ethan and Raina Sands, Mekko and Jade Smith, Mia Anderson and Angel Hartley.

A family and friends viewing was held Sept. 11, 2012 at the Mc- Clendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee followed by a wake service at Yardeka Indian Baptist Church

Arrangements were under the direction of the McClendon-Win- ters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Online condolences may be sent to www.mcclendon-winters.com

JOSEPH SMITH

MARYSVILLE, Calif. — Joseph Smith (Muscogee (Creek) / Rose- bud Lakota Sioux) passed in Marys- ville, Calif., Oct. 9, 2012 on his 82nd birthday.

Smith was born in Claremore, Okla., in 1930, the son of Stanley Smith (Lakota) and Josephine Ja- cobs (Muscogee), and grandson of Joseph (Muscogee) and Nancy Ja- cobs (Muscogee).

He lived in Fame, Okla., where he attended Fame Elementary School, then Jones Academy Indian School where he was a member of the box- ing and football teams.

Smith then attended high school at Sequoyah Indian School in Tahle- quah, Okla., where he also played football. At 16, he joined the Marine Corps, and was wounded in action in the Korean War.

Smith was discharged after 25 years in the Marines as Sergeant Major. He then moved to Modesto, Stockton, and finally Olivehurst and Marysville.

A northern California Powwow institution, he served as powwow chair and member of a multitude of powwow committees, arena direc- tor, master of ceremonies, and color guard, all over the state for more than 31 years. “Grampa” Joe was member of the Black Wolf Gourd Society and the Red Cloud Veterans Society of Eureka. He was also a long-time member and former Northern Vice- President of California Indian Edu- cation Association.

In 2008, he was awarded Hon- ored Elder at the California Confer- ence on American Indian Education in Redding, for his many years of service to Native American Indian students of all ages.

Honorings were held Oct. 13, 2012, at the Berkeley 20th Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow

and at the Auburn Powwow, Oct. 20, 2012. Services were Oct. 15, in Marysville.

THANK YOU

OKMULGEE — The family of Thomas LaSarge would like to say, “thank you” to his loving family members, relatives and friends, George Tiger, Roger Barnett, Creek Nation staff, Okmulgee Indian Community and Shurden Jackson Funeral Home.

A special thank you to Alfred Berryhill, Sammy Chupco, Nor- man Daniel, Charlie Simmers, Jimmy Alexander, Andrew John- son, Donnie McNac and Pulver.

Our family was overwhelmed by the love, kindness, support prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and delicious food. Thanks to the Tallahassee cooks and members who served.

Thank you all very much for your warmth, thoughtfulness and sympathy.

— Family of Thomas LaSarge

THANK YOU

OKMULGEE — The Family of Johnny Powell would like to thank the following individuals and or- ganizations for their support and assistance during the time of our loss.

Mvto to Darlene Taryole, Re- deena Butler, Okmulgee Indi- an Community, The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Second Chief Roger Barnett, MCN So- cial Services, the Seminole Nation Burial Program, Bobbi Crabtree, Sin and Robin Jones, Yardeka In- dian Baptist Church, MCN Ligh- thorse, Mark Sumka, Freda Frye. Robert Taylor, Mvskoke Honor Guard, Mitchell Taylor Jr., Mark Smith and others that came to be with us during this time.

- Katherine Powell and family

THANK YOU

WETUMKA — The family of Melissa Mitchell would like to thank Wetumka Indian Church and Moore Funeral Home for their services.

A special thank you to Pastor Woody Fields for welcoming us to the church and for officiating and to Darrell Coachman and all the women who prepared the meals.

Thank you to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services and the Tribal Driveway Program and to all whom sent flowers.

Thank you to all for all the com- forting words and prayers during our time of sorrow.

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